

Acts 2:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

Analysis

David, 'seeing this before' through prophetic foresight, 'spake of the resurrection of Christ.' The Greek 'proidōn' (foreseeing) indicates supernatural vision beyond natural knowledge - the Spirit enabled David to witness Christ's resurrection prophetically. This establishes Scripture's organic unity: Old Testament authors, though not fully understanding their words, were genuine instruments of divine revelation pointing to Christ.

Historical Context

This interpretive method - apostolic disclosure of Old Testament's Christological meaning - scandalized Jewish leaders who read Psalms autobiographically. Peter's claim required Spirit authority, which Pentecost's miracles validated. Early church's scriptural interpretation followed this apostolic pattern.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing Old Testament authors' limited understanding of their prophetic words affect your Bible reading?
2. What does David's prophetic foresight teach about Scripture's divine authorship transcending human intent?

Interlinear Text

προϊδὼν ἐλάλησεν περὶ τῆς ἀναστάσεως τοῦ
He seeing this before spake of the resurrection G3588
G4275 G2980 G4012 G386 G3588

Χριστοῦ ὅτι οὐ κατελείφθη ἡ ψυχὴ αὐτοῦ εἰς ἁδου,
of Christ that not left soul his in hell
G5547 G3754 G3756 G2641 G5590 G846 G1519 G86

οὐδε ἡ σὰρξ αὐτοῦ εἶδεν διαφθοράν
neither G3588 flesh his did see corruption
G3761 G4561 G846 G1492 G1312

Additional Cross-References

Acts 2:27 (Parallel theme): Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Psalms 16:10 (Parallel theme): For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Acts 13:35 (Parallel theme): Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.